(b) what are the details of the railway lines earmarked for electrification in Rajasthan during the current year; and

(c) what progress has been made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) 46 6 per cent of Broad Gauge Route Kms of lines in Rajasthan have been electrified.

(b) and (c) Follwing sections in Rajasthan have already been energised:

(i) Ghat ka Varana-Kota

(ii) Ramganj Mandi Dhuankheri

(iii) Bhawani Mandi-Kurlasi

(iv) Nathukheri-Thuria

Electrification of Kota-Ramganj Mandi is in an advanced stage of completion.

Herbal drug for heart diseases

*379. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new drug made from an Indian plant has been developed recently for curing heart diseases; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gugulipid is a drug of plant origin developed from gum guggul (Commiphora mukul), for lowering the blood cholesterol levels and thereby preventing atherosclerosis and heart attacks This drug is now marketted under the brand name 'Guglip' by CIPLA Laboratories, Bombay.

Tourist Spots in Allahabad

*380 SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the Tourist spots to be developed in Allahabad, and

(b) whether there are any proposals to beautify the Macphersen lake and the Jamuna Bank Road near Minto park and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The Ministry of Tourism has not received any proposal for development of tourist spots in Allahabad. However, a proposal for the construction of a Yatri Niwas at Allahabad was received and the same was stanctioned on 31-3-87 and an amount of Rs. 10 00 lakhs released. Another proposal received from the State Government regarding the provision of water sports at Allahabad is being examined.

(b) The Ministry of Tourism has not received any proposal for beautification of Macphersen lake and the Jamuna Bank Road near Minto park.

Killing of Indian Seamen in Gulf War

@2554. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Indian Merchant seamen have been killed in attack on ships in Iran-Iraq war; if so, the number thereof; and

@Previously Unstarred Question 1654, transferred from the 24th November, 1987.

(b) the number of Indian Seamen working on ships in the Gulf War Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Since the start of the Iran-Iraq war, 3 Indian Seamen engaged through Seamen's Employment Offices Bombay/Calcutta have been killed in attacks on ships. Besides this, an Indian national working on a UAE fishing boat also has been led when the boat was attacked by a U.S. Naval Ship in the area.

(b) There is no fixed number of Indian flag vessels or foreign flag vessels who may be employing Indian Seamen which operate in the War zone. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the number of Indian Seamen working on ships in the War Zone.

Protection of tribal culture

@2555. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that rapid industrialization of the tribal belts of India is destroying the tribal culture and tribal way of life in our country;

(b) whether any study has so far been made by Government;

(c) if so, what are the recommendations of the study undertaken:

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to project the tribal culture which is being threatened by rapid industrialization; and

(e) if no steps are being taken, what are the reasons therefor?

@Previously Unstarred Question 2154, transferred from the 27th November, 1987.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Telecommunication services in Asansol-Raniganj

2556. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any communication regarding expansion and improvement of telecommunication services in Asansol Raniganj industrial complex; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Yes, Sir. Communications from different sources, particularly from Ranijang Chamber of Commerce have been received for expansion and improvement of telecommunication services of Asansol-Raniganj industrial comlpex.

(b) The following actions have been taken:—

(i) In March, 1987 Asansol exchange has been expanded from 2400 lines to 3000 lines. 500 new connections will be previded durin the period 1987-88.

(ii) 2000 lines equipment of I.C.P type has been allotted for installation in Raniganj replacing the present one. This is likely to come up in 1990-91.

(iii) Barakar exchange will be expanded from 600 lines to 800 lines by March, 1988.